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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 7-24-62 (OFFICIAL #515)

Call letters WYAH-TV

Station location PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA

CBN CONTINENTAL BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. (AL 2-8-79; Eff:
X THE CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

Name of licensee

Shoulders Hill, 5 mi. W. of Portsmouth, Va. (PCT 9-18-69)
Transmitter location X 1318 Spratley Street, Portsmouth, Virginia

1318 Spratley Street, Portsmouth, Virginia
Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	ERP Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPCT-2799	11-2-60	CH #27	V-17.4 kw	U	1-2-61
AH: 380'		548-554	A-9.33 kw	MSL:418'	7-2-61
Construction permit for a NEW Comm. TV B/C Station.					
BMPCT-5612	7-17-61	same	same	same	1-2-61
Mod. of CP (BPCT-2799) to ext. compl. date					9-15-61
WIRE	9-15-61	RE LIC.	BLCT-1141	AUTH. GR.	OPER. WYAH-TV
ON PROG. TEST ACCORD. SEC. 3.629 & CP BMPCT-5612. SPEC. TEMP.					
AUTH. ALSO GR. PERIOD END. 12-15-61 OPER. WITH PLUS CARRIER					
OFFSET IN LIEU OF ZERO OFFSET PEND. CHANGE OVER. ADVISE					
BLCT-1141	7-24-62	Ch. 27	V-17.4 kw	U	7-24-62
AH: 380'		548-554	A-9.33 kw	MSL:418'	10-1-63
License to cover CP (BPCT-2799, as mod.)					
BRCT-515	10-15-63	same	same	same	10-15-63
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					10-1-66
BRCT-515	11-30-66	same	same	same	11-30-66
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					10-1-69
BPCT-3855	3-7-67	CH-27	V-17.4 kw	U	5-7-67
AH: 380' MSL: 418'		548-554	A-30.9 kw		11-7-67
To chg. ERP, transmitter.					
WIRE 7-26-67 RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR. OPERATE					
WYAH-TV ON PROG. TEST. ACCORD. SEC. 73.629 RULES AND CP					
BPCT-3855.					
BICT-1699	8-31-67	CH-27	V-17.4 kw	U	8-31-67
AH: 380' MSL: 418'		548-554	A-30.9 kw		10-1-69
License to cover CP (BPCT-3855)					
BRCT-515	9-30-69	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			10-1-72
BPCT-4187	9-18-69	Ch-27	V-14.6 kw	Unl.	11-18-69
AH: 970' MSL: 1049'		548-554 mcs	A-289 kw		5-18-70
CP, chg. ERP, TL, trans., ant. & HAAT.					
BPCT-4817	10-27-70	Ext. (BPCT-4817) ext.			10-27-70
time (1)					
WIRE 6-24-70 RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI. PENDING					
SUBMISSION OF MEASUREMENTS INDICATING SIDEBAND AND COLOR					
SUBCARRIER ATTENUATION PLUS NEW AURAL PAPER OF PERFORMANCE					
NOTE: GR. OPER. TEMP. PER. END. 7-24-70 RECORD BPCT-4187					
SUBJECT CAUSING NO INTERFERENCE DUE TO OUT OF BAND					
RADIATIONS.					

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WIRE	6-26-70	Auth. to oper.	remote control		
WIRE	7-28-70	RETENDERED LIC.	APPLI. AUTH. GR.		
OPER. ON PTA ACORD	CP BMPCT-7182.				
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRCTV-68	8-15-72	OPERATE REMOTE CONTROL			
BRCT-515	2-12-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			10-1-75
BLCT-2010	2-28-73	Ch. 27 V. 1440 kw U			10-1-75
AH: 970 MSL: 1049'	548-554 A. 288 kw				
Lic. (BPCT-4187 as mod)	for chgs.				
BRCT-515	9-12-75	Ch. 27 V. 1440 kw U			10-1-75
AH: 970' MSL: 1049'	548-554 A. 288 kw				10-1-78
Renewal of license					
BRCT-515	1-29-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			10-1-81
BLCT-790214KG	3-8-79	VOL. AL			

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMMERCIAL TV

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Name THE CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.
1318 Spratley St., Portsmouth, Virginia J. M. C. Robertson, President

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-2799 Rec. & Filed	7-22-60 7-27-60	Construction permit for a new Commercial TV B/C Station FREQ: Channel 27, 548-554 mcs. ERP: Vis. 19.6 kw, Aur. 11.7 kw Hours: Unlimited Transmitter Location: 1318 Spratley Street Portsmouth, Virginia Studio Location: 1318 Spratley Street Portsmouth, Virginia STATION LOCATION: Portsmouth, Virginia (RCA TTU-1B) AH: 384 feet Filed direct* Engr.: Dexter Phibbs, 700 Sparrow Road, Norfolk, Va.	GRANTED	11-2-60
BPCT-5612 R & F	5-24-61 5-25-61	Modification of CP (BPCT-2799, which auth. a new Comm. TV B/C station) to extend completion date from 7-2-61 to 9-15-61.	GRANTED	7-17-61

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Letters WAFB-TV

Name THE CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.
Portsmouth, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-1141 R & F	9-13-61 9-14-61	License to cover CP (BPCT-2799, as modified) which authorized a new Commercial Television broadcast station	GRANTED	7-24-62
BRCT-515 Recd. & Filed	6-29-63 7-3-63	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	10-13-63
BRCT-515 R & F	6-30-66 7-5-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE.	GRANTED	11-30-66
BPCT-3855 R & F	9-22-66 9-23-66	Construction Permit to make the following changes: ERP to Vis. 1000 kw, Aur. 180 kw; transmitter and studio location to Cedar Lane, Chesapeake, Virginia; type of transmitter to RCA-TTU-30A; type of antenna to RCA-TFU-16K; make change in antenna structure and increase antenna height above average terrain to 974 feet. William T. Gregory, Jr. Chief Engr.	GRANTED	3-7-67
See Card #3 for Amendment				

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CH-27 Portsmouth, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-3855 AMENDED Rec'd Filed	cont'd 12-7-66 12-7-66	AMENDED to change ERP to Vis. 175 kw, Aur. 31 kw; type of transmitters to Vis. RCA TTU-10A, Aur. RCA TTU-10A (LA); delete change in transmitter and studio location, delete change in type of antenna, and antenna height above average terrain. (Amend Financial Data)	GRANTED	3-7-67
ELCT-1099 R & F AUG 2 1967	7-22-67 7-24-67 1967	LICENSE to cover CP (BPCT-3855) which authorized changes in an existing station.	GRANTED	8-31-67
BPCT-4187 Rec'd Filed Press FW Rec'd 5485172 5487254	1-16-69 1-21-69 1-29-69 FEB 13 1969 2-19-69 1-21-69 1-29-69	CP to chg. ERP to Vis. 1463 kw (Horn), Aur. 289 kw (Horn); trans. loc. to State Route 337 - 0.4 mi. E. of Junction Routes 337 & 626, Nr. Sheldons Hill, Virginia; type trans. RCA TTU-60A; type antenna RCA TTU-46K; antenna strus.; and antenna height above average terrain 975 feet.	GRANTED I	9-18-69

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Ch. 27 Portsmouth, Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT-4187	Cont'd			
AMENDED	5-13-69	Amended to move antenna tower approx. 600		
8-21-69	5-13-69	feet SW. (Financial) AMENDED 8-19-69 re additional financial data		
BPCT-515	7-3-69	RENEWAL OF LICENSE		
8-21-69	7-3-69			
152-3526991	"		GRANTED	9-30-69
FOR RECD.	"			
PRESS	JUL 16 1969			
BPCT-7182	4-10-70	MP (BPCT-4187) to extend completion date to	GRANTED	4-27-70
H & F	"	8-18-70.		
\$20-4592091	"	Grover C. Cooper, Atty. (Fisher, Wayland, Duvall)		
PRESS	APR 15 1970			
Ltr. 4-23-70	to reg. remote control			
STAT-2010	6-22-70	Lic. to cover (BPCT-4187 as mod.) for chgs.	GRANTED	12-28-73
Received	6-24-70			
Filed	7-21-70			
510964 \$30	7-21-70			
PRESS	AUG 10 1970			

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CH-27 PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BRCTV-68 R & F NO FEE PAID PRESS:	4-4-72 4-5-72 APR 19 1972	Req. auth. to oper. trans. by RC from 1318 Spratley Street, Portsmouth, Virginia.	GRANTED	8-15-72
BRCT-515 R & F PN REC PRESS	7-3-72 7-3-72 7-3-72 JUL 10 1972	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Sect. VI filed 9-20-72.	GRANTED	2-12-73
BRCT-515 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	5-29-75 6-2-75 6-2-75 15 JUL 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Annual Report Filed Atty: Grover C. Cooper (Fisher, Wayland, Southmayd and Cooper) Amended 8-6-75 re programming.	GRANTED	9-12-75

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THE CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC.

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-515 R&F PN RECD PRESS	5-26-78 6-1-78 6-1-78 JUN 1 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Richard Bodorff	GRANTED	1-29-79
BALCT-790214KG R & F PRESS: (Form 316)	2-13-79 2-14-79 79 0228	Voluntary assignment of license to CBN Continental Broadcasting Network, Inc. Atty.: Richard R. Zaragoza (Fisher, Wayland, Southwayd and Cooper)	GRANTED EFF;	3-8-79
BRCT- 810601LP R&F PN REC'D	5-27-81 6-01-81 6-01-81	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: DAVID D. OXENFORD {FISHER, WAYLAND, COOPER AND LEADER}		

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast radio stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of television station history.

